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On the Street

"We have nine boarders at the jail," remarked Deputy Sheriff Quisenberry, "and all seem to be doing well; some are contented, while others appear to be a little restless."

The Decatur Telephone Co. has hung a beautiful electric sign at the building entrance on West Walnut Street, place, on North Trinity, recently had installed an attractive sign.

J. W. Maley, renewing his subscription to the Messenger: "I have been reading the paper for more than thirty-eight years, and I am not going to try to get along without it."

William Brown has purchased the east half of the Dr. Carpenter lot, recently bought by Walter Boyd, and Mr. Brown will begin soon the erection of a residence on the property.

See where they yanked up a talkative telephone girl operator in a South Texas town; when she talked to the grand jury she denied telling this and that person the slanders she is alleged to have put afloat about patrons of the telephone company. She said she hadn't heard a thing, and what she had heard, she had forgotten.

Frank Devereux former Decatur citizen, but for a long number of years a resident of Jacksonville, Texas was here this week on business. "Conditions in this particular spot appear to be far above normal over other sections," he said. Frank is interested in a number of enterprises in Jacksonville, and he has been successful in business.

The many friends of County Attorney Arnold Davenport, among them the Messenger, were disappointed when Attorney-General Elect Alfred announced his appointments for the department. A petition of several hundred names, endorsing Mr. Davenport for a post in the department was presented to Mr. Alfred, but he failed to accede to the request.

"Can you tell me what the weather is going to do," asked C. C. Conner, owner of the Messenger representative one day this week, adding, "My understanding is that you have been taking lessons from Bob Florida on weather prognostications." Not having taken sufficient instructions from the eminent Greenwood prophet the reporter refused to make a prediction.

"There has been another slice off the price of whole milk," said Jim Hornback farmer, "and I suppose it was caused by a falling off of customers of the big purchaser in Dallas; when the buyer can't sell, he naturally has to seek other channels for his supply; channels that are less productive of profit, and consequently he has to purchase less, or purchase at less figures."

"Hunters from out of the county are getting our best shooting grounds, as I understand they have leased up most all the duck water lakes, ponds and streams," remarked Capt. H. E. Brady one of our local enthusiastic hunters. An investigation reveals that Decatur sportsmen have been asleep on their rights and Tarrant and other neighboring counties are supplying a great number of hunters, who have pooled their interests and leased some of the best grounds in the county for their winter shooting.

Sheriff George Gage was exhibiting a supply of "merrywanna" to several of our citizens and when he explained that it was a weed used by Mexicans in pipes and cigarettes to produce "that funny and gay" feeling, a request was made for a little of it. One fellow offered to purchase some of the weed from the sheriff "if it will do half what you say it will," he said. The officer had told that whiffs from the weed would make a sixty-five year old man feel as tho he had been thru a gland clinic and had been supplied with everything he had when twenty-five years old.

CHARGED WITH DAUGHTER RUIN

Man, 63 Years of Age, Accused of Terrible Crime By Girl

Charge with one of the most serious crimes in the criminal calendar, W. A. Idell, 63 years of age, and residing with his wife and daughter on a farm in the community south of Aurora, is in the county jail. Following a statement made by his daughter, 17 years old, to her mother and other relatives, Deputy Brown of Rhame, was notified, and Sheriff Gage, Deputy Quisenberry and Assistant County Attorney Jennings C. Brown were summoned from Decatur. The officers visited the Idell home, where the man was arrested. In her statement to Sheriff Gage and the assistant county attorney, the young lady charged that her father was responsible for her ruin, and that he had been criminally intimate with her since she was eleven years of age. She is soon to become a mother, according to statements of her mother and the girl.

Idell denies the charge.

The Idell family have lived in the Aurora community for the past seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Van Meter of Vega, Texas, visited homefolks here last week-end.

fresh, gay and festive. A gentleman, who had seen 80 summers and winters come and go, standing on the outer edge of the crowd gathered around, upon hearing the extravagant claims for the weed, edged his way to the side of Sheriff Gage and in a husky, whispering voice, exclaimed: "Set your price on that stuff; I'm in the market." The officer refused, stating that he was not selling, only exhibiting to weed.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holt have gone to Fort Worth to spend the winter with their children. Mr. and Mrs. Claud Reeves, "We are going down and stay through the winter months to see if it will not benefit Mrs. Holt's health to take a rest," stated Mr. Holt, visiting the Messenger of five before he left town. "Have been taking the Messenger a long, long time, and want our address changed to the Fort Worth number; the paper, I suppose, has become a necessity in our household and when our subscription is out, let me know so that I can renew," he said.

The following has been received from County Engineer Humm, from Fort Worth: "Mr. Dick Collins, Wise County Messenger, Decatur, Texas: For your information: Highway No. 114, Wise county; Mr. O. W. Ham, Decatur, Texas.—Dear Sir: I have been advised today by the Highway Department at Austin that they have let the unit I work on Highway No. 114 in Wise county on Nov. 20th, and I am preparing all plans and estimates to that end. I write you so that you may inform those interested matters if possible. C. L. Willford failed to accede to the request. Resident Engineer."

"Dr. Man, while cleaning up around his rent property on South State street the other day, picked up a reminder of the old days, when Decatur was a bustling western town; when bad men were about, and fuss and fights were the order of the day and night," stated George Rouch, as he produced the "reminder" in the shape of a brass drink check on one side of which were the words: "Good for One Drink at Sankey's Saloon." The owner and operator of the bar-room was Sankey Smith, a well known character in the early days of Decatur. He was a popular man in his circle, but in the latter part of his life he met financial reverses, and one night in his room, in the house now owned by Dr. Man, he decided to end his trials and tribulations, and with a large razor he slashed his throat. When found by his wife, Smith was almost beyond medical attention, but he survived, after a long struggle, and endeavored to make a "come back" in the beer business, and opened a place at the southeast corner of the square. When the prohibition wave struck, Sankey went out of business and moved away. He died some years later in Oklahoma.

GAMBLING JOINT RAIDED SUNDAY

A Mexican gambling place was raided in Bridgeport Sunday evening by Sheriff Gage and deputies with the assistance of Bridgeport officers. A complete "outfit" of gambling paraphernalia was found when the minions of the law surprised the players and entered the room. A game of poker was at its height when the interruption came. One player was found to have five aces in his hand with the poker up his right sleeve. Chips, four decks of cards, and a gunny sack of "merrywanna," a dopey weed smoked by Mexicans when they crave that happy-go-lucky feeling, or desire to start a revolution, were found in the round-up. The "head-man," manager of the house, was brought to Decatur, while the players were released on bonds.

JUDGE M'KINSEY ON ALLRED STAFF

Judge F. O. McKinsey has accepted from Honorable James V. Allred, attorney-general elect an appointment as assistant attorney general of the state of Texas. Judge McKinsey has had this matter under consideration for some time. Representatives of Mr. Allred interviewed him several weeks ago on behalf of Mr. Allred and requested him to consider such an appointment favorably, but, of course, prior to his election, Mr. Allred could not actually tender any appointment.

We regard this appointment most fit and deserving. Judge McKinsey is not only a man and citizen of high character and standing, but by the bench and bar of this state he is regarded a great lawyer, among the best in this section of the state. We think Mr. Allred has honored himself by naming Judge McKinsey to this place, and if he surrounds himself with men and counselors of this type we feel that his administration can but prove successful.

This appointment will necessitate Judge McKinsey's residence in Austin after the first of the year, when he assumes the duties of his office; but he assures us that his removal is only temporary, that his legal residence and citizenship will remain in Weatherford, and that he expects to return here when his tenure of office in Austin shall end. We regret to lose Judge and Mrs. McKinsey from our community, but, in common with the people in our city and county, we rejoice that this signal honor has been bestowed on him and feel sure that he will render a great service to the state.—Weatherford Herald.

FORMER CITIZEN OUT-RUNS WOLF

If chasing wolves is one of your pastimes and you want to keep abreast of the times, you'll want to take your next coyote with bare hands.

This kind of a precedent was set Tuesday morning of this week by Fred Taylor, of the Taylor Hatchery, who says it was done easily, although the coyote taken was full grown.

It was early in the morning, as he traveled south across Blanco Canyon on the Joe Day Crossing, when Mr. Wolf loomed up in the road in front of his car. Mr. Taylor gave his car the gas and gave the wolf an uphill chase, overtaking him in some 200 yards. The car wheel struck the animal and stunned him. As the wolf rested against a hog-proof wire fence along the right-of-way he was taken in tow.

"I forgot about the danger of snapping vice-like jaws as I tackled the coyote," Fred said in telling of his little adventure Tuesday night, "and jumped right on him. He was not unconscious but apparently out of breath from the impact of the car wheel."

He had the wolf in captivity Tuesday night and the animal was not injured apparently. Now, the thing that is bothering Mr. Taylor is what to do with his prize except just to take him out and slay him.—Floyd County Hesperian.

BANKERS HOLD CHICO MEETING

Morris and Baldrige Hosts to Number at Feast, Brown Hotel

Members of the Wise county bankers organization held one of their periodic meetings at Chico last Thursday night as the guests of the two bankers of Chico, R. Lee Morris and V. E. Baldrige. Mrs. Brown, of the Brown hotel, had prepared a delicious meal, the piece de resistance of which was tasteful turkey heaped high in the platters.

Mr. Morris, president of the association, led the business discussion but followed the meal. Several were present from over the county who do not belong to the banking fraternity and these were invited to take part in the discussion which dealt with the subject of how banks and bankers may be of assistance to the agricultural and business industry of the county.

The decline and threatened gradual extinction of the cotton crop as a profitable farm industry of Wise county was one of the problems that engaged the serious thinking of those present. The growth of diversified farming pursuits in the county is a matter to be appreciated and to be encouraged, yet the annual losses from the cotton crop is a matter to be deplored and to be rectified if the way is open. That a way is open was evident to some who have given more than a casual look into the problem and it is more that probable that the financial leaders will suggest a campaign looking to the overcoming of the obstacles that now are in the way of successful production of the staples in this section.

Attending this meeting from Decatur were: E. P. Gibson and J. A. Simmons of the local bank, and County Agent Guy Powell and Cliff Cates, secretary of the chamber of commerce.

GOOD ADDRESS TO LIONS' CLUB

Alfonso Johnson, director of the extension division, Dallas chamber of commerce, reminded his listeners in Decatur last week, of duties and obligations they owe, not alone to themselves as merchants, but to customers as well. Mr. Johnson came to Decatur at the invitation of the Decatur chamber of commerce and delivered two addresses last Wednesday the first at noon before the Lions club at the regular luncheon, and the other at night before an audience in the district courtroom.

Salesmanship is an art that employs the best faculties and energies of those whose duties are to sell, according to Mr. Johnson. Modern psychology delving into the subtleties of the mind and the emotions, has made of the art of selling almost a science, and the complexities and competition of modern merchandising have made efficient selling a necessity. Mr. Johnson presented his subject forcefully and practically and without over-emphasis on any one point, an affable and agreeable visitor who left his hearers with a good impression.

O. T. Howard, about 22 years of age, was arrested in Bridgeport Monday night and brought to Decatur. He is charged with writing threatening letters to his brother-in-law, Joe Van Hoose, in which he threatened to burn Van Hoose's property. Howard denies that he wrote the letters, but accuses Van Hoose of circulating false reports about him.

BOX SUPPER AT LIBERTY

Miss Mabel Baugh, teacher of the Liberty school, announces that on next Wednesday night, November 26, at 7:30 p. m., there will be held at the schoolhouse a box supper and a Thanksgiving program of interest.

Everyone is most cordially invited to attend, and a special request is made that girls bring boxes and boys. Come!

FARMER'S SON KILLED BY WIRE

Robert Pennington, the 11-year-old son of E. E. Pennington, living south of Decatur, was electrocuted Saturday afternoon, when he and his father and a brother were traveling on the road in an automobile and the car came in contact with a live wire on an electric power pole that had been blown down by the high raging winds that had prevailed a short time before. The boy was killed instantly, and Mr. Pennington received a number of severe burns on his arms. A team of horses, driven by Albert Drain, was killed as Drain drove into the wires, that had been thrown to the ground. The burial of young Pennington took place Sunday afternoon in the Sycamore cemetery, north of Decatur, attended by a large number of friends and relatives. Heavy rains had washed out the ground near the pole, and the winds, which were of cyclonic velocity, caused it to give way just before the Penningtons and Drain came over the road.

FUTURE FARMERS

The second judging contest between Future Farmers of Decatur and Boyd and 4-H club members was held Saturday afternoon. Paul Wright was high individual for the contest with Clyde Manning and Carl Neeley ranking second, Paul Rann third, Ralph Gage, Lewis Whittenberg, Clyde Edward Holt and Price Neeley, fourth. Price Neeley is a 4-H club member. The scores made by Wright, Rann and Holt were not considered in the contest because of their having participated in a state contest.

However, Decatur scored the highest number of points on their teams without these boys. The next contest will likely be held at Boyd on the sixth of December. The Decatur chapter of F. F. A. will send a poultry judging team to the contest. —Paul Wright, Reporter Decatur Chapter of F. F. A.

STORES WILL CLOSE

A general closing of Decatur business, the postoffice and bank, will occur next Thursday, Nov. 27, Thanksgiving Day. Everybody remember the closing and transact business in accordance.

RED CROSS DRIVE

Join up with the Red Cross and assist in helping "The Greatest Mother" in the world. Don't wait for the young ladies who are soliciting joiners, to ask you; see them, or call at the cashier's desk in the Texas Power & Light Co. office and join. The following have joined to date:

E. H. Baumgartner, Miss Bettye Ann Thedford, O. D. Gose, Miss Ada Harding, Miss Bell Ford, Dick Collins, C. P. Dodson, Frank Green, Mrs. C. P. Dodson, Mrs. M. W. Burch, Mrs. Dick Collins, Jim B. Thomas, Decatur Hardware Co., Miss Mildred Kerr, M. L. Weaver, J. R. Moore, W. W. Boyd, Lester Bell, S. M. Ward, Mrs. S. M. Ward, Empire Drug Store.

John Proctor, an old-time and respected citizen of Bridgeport, died at his home in that town Monday night, after a long illness.

GREENWOOD 4-H CLUB NEWS

On November fifth Miss Stanford, the county home demonstration agent met with the Greenwood school girls and organized a 4-H club. The following officers were elected: president, Katherine Sloan; vice-president, Wilma Kingsley; secretary and reporter, Vida Mae Griffith; song and yell leaders, Laurene Williamson. The club meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Greenwood school house, from 10:45 to 12:00 o'clock.

THANKSGIVING SUPPER

Follow the crowd and go to Hickory Plains, where you can enjoy yourself and feast. Entertainment free, Turkey with all its trimmings, well worth a dollar, furnished for 25c. Everybody is invited to come and feast.

Our Rural Readers

According to information gathered by the chamber of commerce, Wise county, this season, has shipped 786 railroad cars of melons, fifty cars of cantaloupes, five cars of cucumbers and two cars of tomatoes. Truck haulings of Irish and sweet potatoes, pecans and other commodities were not computed, but when added to the whole, boosts the shipment of county produce of the kind into the class of the thousand car load producer.

Shipments from the different points were as follows: Rhame, six cars watermelons by truck; Chico, 12 cars melons, 37 cars cantaloupes; Bridgeport, six cars melons; Paradise, 31 cars melons, one of cantaloupes; Alvord, 496 cars melons, 10 cars cantaloupes, two cars tomatoes; Decatur, 40 cars melons, five cars cucumbers.

Motor truck haulings from the county, which have been heavy, were estimated and computed in car load quantities to arrive at the foregoing report. Estimations were made carefully by reliable reporters in each community, to assure that the reports would be reasonably accurate. Shipments out of the southwest part of the county which go via the Weatherford market, were not included, nor were any possible shipments from Newark which did not report.

The returns of the Chico section from its new, phenomenal sale of cantaloupes was estimated at \$20,000 cash. Total cash returns to the county at large from the reported shipments should approximate a hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the season. Pecans and the turkey crop are yet to be figured in the miscellaneous class of shipments, and in addition to that the usual large poultry and dairy productions and livestock shipments of every kind.

It may be interesting to cite some individual returns from vegetable and fruit production. A. B. Farrington, quality melon grower, for example, received 8900 from eleven acres of melons. Louis Garrison marketed 1979 pounds of cucumbers between June 9 and July 17, averaging about \$1.25 a hundred pounds; total of cash receipts from the twelve acres of vineyards of the Denver railroad in Wise and Montague counties was \$2126. A single acre of these grapes of the Carman variety made a cash return of \$408.80 from roadside sales; Mr. Gans at Chico received \$4000 per acre rent from four acres in cantaloupes, his own crop returned him \$1000 an acre; out of 200 bushels of Irish potatoes raised by Gib Leslie, Alvord farmer, from acre, 137 bushels were sold to Robert Adock, Alvord, for \$1000 bushel; the returns to Jess Parrish from watermelons was \$10000 cash; B. C. Allgood, Paradise, grew 10,000 pounds of merchantable Irish potatoes in an acre of ground; G. W. Tyson, Decatur farmer, made a similar large yield of potatoes and also cantaloupes, for which figures could not be supplied.

Dry as it was, these reports could be multiplied ad infinitum. They are examples picked at random to show the inevitability of Wise county farming opportunities.

Today farmers are meeting in the courthouse to investigate what they might do along lines mentioned, in another year. Potential cash markets for a number of crops have already been assured in advance, if a sufficient acreage of each is pledged in advance. With organization, leadership of all persons concerned, and studios attention to all demands of the business, Wise county shows a promise of reaching her destiny as one of the leading food production regions of the southwest.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

There will be eleven o'clock services at Hopewell on Thanksgiving Day, and singing that night. We are expecting some good singers to be present and cordially invite the public to come.

DR. SKYGAK MAY VACATE SOON

Well, gentle reader, we hate to spring it on you so suddenly but the worst has come to the worser, and we have quit—taken out—called in our dogs—evaporated and have silently folded our tent in preparation to stealing away to the Ozark hills of Arkansas, where the river Shannon flows among the shamrocks and the wily woodpecker makes the welkin ring to the tune of Turkey in the Straw.

Why the rush? Well, it's because of too darned much "convalescent prosperity." What do we mean by "convalescent prosperity?" We mean where the patient died while getting better or the country went into a panic while in the throes of giving birth to an unprecedented boom.

In other words this wave of prosperity that is now sweeping over the country is more than we can stand. The fact is we got under a money panic during the Cleveland administration, and just as we were coming up for air the first time this convalescent wave struck us and our little bark, and now "Finis" tells it all.

For more three quarters of a century we have struggled on, hoping to beat the game but now all hope has fled, the price of cream has gone down, feed gone up, gasoline climbing, Ford cars selling in bunches like bananas and nothing allowed off on your old car. Everything has changed from what it used to be.

Nothing is right and the whole world is upside down. Cows don't give as much milk as they used to, hens don't lay as many eggs as of old, candy and cake don't taste as good as it used to, the old swimming hole has dwindled down to a puddle, the trees and buildings are not half so tall as they used to be, and the girls are not as pretty as once they were, and castor oil is getting worse to take all the time.

Not long ago one of our best citizens went broke and made application for room at the poor farm. But when the poor man arrived there, he discovered the poor house had become so poor it had gone into the hands of the receiver and the poor man was left homeless.

Yes, times have changed and things are not as they once were. In the good old days a man would go on your note at the bank and when it came due, he would go up and pay like a man. That is all changed now. The rascal that goes on your note now does so with no expectation whatever of paying the note without being forced to. When the note falls due, your security has to be sued before he will pay a cent, and even then he does so with such ill will that you almost wish you had never asked him to sign the note with you.

Do you wonder then, gentle reader, that we are going away from it all? Soon we will have all our stuff piled out for the neighbors and general public to come over and look at and find fault with and haggle with us about the prices. Our cows will be in one pile, horses in another, chickens in one, and household goods and plow tools in another. Some of our stuff is of considerable value but we don't expect to get anything for it after the buying public gets through finding fault.

We did think at one time that we would go over all our stuff and make a list of all the faults of each animal, fowl or implement and have it printed on a large placard so that all may read and be saved the time of making an individual list of faults of their own. But this plan fell through because half the buying public can't read and the other half don't believe half they read. So come ahead, gentle reader and bring your little fault finder with you, and we will all have a happy fault finding day together even though we rapidly grow worse as we gradually improve.—SKYGAK

POULTRY CLASS

Thirty-two adults were present at the evening school class Friday night. A total of 43 adults have attended one or more of the classes. The average attendance has been 23. Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Reed and Mr. C. G. Miller have not missed a single class. A number of others have missed only one.

The topic of poultry diseases was selected at a previous meeting, and the class had a number of questions which made the class much more interesting. Blackhead (entero hepatitis) and limer neck (botulism) were the diseases discussed at the meeting. The symptoms of the diseases were determined and the preventives and treatments that would be most effective were discussed. Two sick birds were brought in, and a examination of them was made.

The next class will be held in the chamber of commerce hall at seven-fifteen o'clock, Friday, November 21. The work on diseases of mature birds will be continued. Bring your sick birds, questions on diseases, and be prepared to give us "the benefit of your experience."

EX-GOVERNOR IS FIRM BELIEVER IN NEW SARGON

Former Governor C. S. Walker of Georgia, twice honored with the highest office the people of his state could give him, is prominent among the thousands of well known men and women throughout America who have publicly expressed their gratitude for benefits they have obtained from the use of Sargon. He recently said:

"Not being stalwart in physical strength, it has been my custom for several years to recon my physical energies at each change of season with some tonic. Owing to close confinement in my office, and other sedentary habits of life, my physical condition was such that I decided to take a course of treatment at Battle Creek. During recent years, in fact, I have been compelled to resort almost continually to laxatives and other special hygienic measures to maintain my health.

"This season a friend of mine suggested Sargon. I was convinced from literature I read that it was a scientifically prepared product and decided to try it.

"Almost from the start its invigorating effects were noticeable. I seemed more alert, my appetite improved, my capacity for work was increased and I was conscious of a feeling of general well-being. I have gotten by the summer and am now entering the fall season with more energy and in better physical tone than I have experienced in many years.

"From my own experience I am convinced that Sargon contains certain therapeutic agents which are highly valuable wherever a tonic impression is required, and also for their influence upon the appetite and digestion. From its effects in my case I cheerfully recommend it as a tonic and corrective worthy the trial of all tired business men."

Renfro Drug Co., Agents.

Fundamentalist Church

Another great day at the tabernacle last Sunday. Three hundred or more at the morning service and seven hundred or more at the evening service. The pastor brought a helpful message, and there were two additions during the day.

Rev. John R. Rice preached at 3 p. m. and baptised eleven at the close of the service. Word comes that a new Fundamentalist church has been

organized at Bridgeport, and it is getting off to a good start. Many are praying that the new church may prove a great soul winning station, while others, of modernistic tendencies, are hoping that the devil will fly away with the whole works.

Pastor Hickey was in fine fettle for the night service, and his message on "Deatur's Flood and Noah's Ark" was well received by the great audience. As a sort of prelude to his message of the evening, the pastor gave some interesting information as to why the report of Decatur College was not read at the convention this year. In the course of his remarks, the preacher read a few excerpts from last year's report.

"These remarks met a hearty response from the great audience, and some said, 'The preacher seems to be feeling his earle tonight and is unusually full of spirit.' Others, of an envious turn, said, 'He is full of prunes and woteth not a wot what it is all about.' Others of the scribes and pharisees thumbed their noses and said, 'This babbler hath uttered things aloud that are unlawful to speak in a whisper in this town. There will be an uproar in the synagogue when this reaches the ears of the Sanhedrin and is brought before the postoffice and the chamber of commerce.'"

But with all this diversity of opinion, all agreed that the eyes of the blind were opened and the ears of the deaf were unstopped. The message for next Sunday night will be helpful and constructive. Come early if you expect a seat.—Reporter.

Attend the Majestic tonight.

Maybe flies do die off or migrate when cold weather comes, but why do they always leave one behind to bother you when you are trying to read or sleep?—Arkansas Democrat.

Theater managers robbed by lone bandits might recoup by making experience into scenario.—Omaha Evening World-Herald.

Engene O'Neill finds a quiet place to write in an isolated French Chateau, but wouldn't Greenwich Village by day have done as well?—San Antonio Evening News.

The Messenger one year for one dollar during the Bargain Days.

If you have something to sell or trade, try a classified ad.

How wretched a thing it is to be come old trough fear.—Syria.

Empire Drug Co.

Specials for Friday and Saturday

65c Antiseptic Sol.	39c15c	Rit, Tintex or Dye	11c
25c Blackdraught	11c	45c Kotex	27c
25c Bayers Aspirin	15c	45c Modess	25c
35c Bayers Aspirin	25c	50c Kleanex	25c
50c Baby Percy	45c	\$1.25 Konjola	89c
50c Milk Magnesia	38c	\$1.50 Lydia E. Pinkham	98c

This is only a few of our cut prices. We can sell for less, come in and get our prices

AT FOUNTAIN

Sandwiches with hot coffee 10c and 15c

Hot chocolate with cakes 10c

Malted Milk 15c

Milk Chocolate 10c

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If Getting Up Nights, Backache, frequent day calls, Leg Pains, Nervousness, or Burning, due to functional Bladder Irritation, in acid conditions, makes you feel tired, depressed and discouraged, try the Cystex Test. Works fast, starts circulating thru the system in 15 minutes. Frained by thousands for rapid and positive action. Don't give up. Try Cystex (pronounced Siss-tex) today, under the Iron-Clad Guarantee. Must quickly allay these conditions, improve restful sleep and energy, or money back. Only 60c at

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Ladies all-wool coats as cheap as \$2.48

One lot men's \$19.50 suits \$10.00

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9 1/4 Sheeting 19c

Friday 9 A. M. 20 Yards 36-inch brown domestic \$1.00

Men's Scout Shoes as cheap as \$1.49

Children's School Shoes as cheap as \$1.29

Boy's leatherett caps as cheap as 29c

Boy's wool caps as cheap as 25c

Men's \$1.00 Overalls and waist band pants 69c

Men's \$10.00 overcoats extraordinary value \$6.95

100 pair plaid blankets 66x76 89c

Ladies Jersey Bloomers 19c

Men's cotton socks as cheap as 5c PR.

Boy's all wool knee pants 48c

500 yards 36-inch prints 10c

Large Double Grey Blankets 89c

EXTRA! EXTRA!

FRIDAY 9 A. M. 36-INCH TRAVEL PRINTS

Guaranteed vat dyed—fast colors, 85c value. Newest dress material for fall to be closed out Friday morning the yard—

39c

EXTRA! EXTRA!

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 A. M. 9-4 BROWN SHEETING

We have 400 yards of this good quality brown sheeting that will be closed out at 9 A. M. Saturday morning. Come early if you want in on this.

19c

J. J. Rieger Dry Goods



"I'm A Producer And A Shareholder In The Swift Family"

• "You can't blame me if I take more than an ordinary interest in the affairs of Swift & Company. I'm interested in two ways. First—as a producer. Second—as one of 45,000 shareholders."

"I'm glad to belong to this big family. And if you'd ask me to sum up why, I think I'd say—

1—Swift & Company is one of the most efficient organizations in America. Only an exceptionally well run concern could possibly thrive on an average margin of less than 2 cents on every dollar of sales.

2—As a producer I receive the going market price for the best butterfat, eggs and poultry I can deliver. Swift's nation-wide distribution, because of their 600 car routes and 400 branch houses, assures me of an ever ready market. I am not subject to local gluts or shortages.

3—Swift & Company employs 58,000 people who receive just wages. These employees live in the communities where they work. Many of them are our own neighbors. They spend their money with our merchants, build their homes here, pay taxes like you and me. They contribute to the well being of this town.

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Then usually he wants to pay for my lunch tells me where he lives and goes out like the eye of Lottie.

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Of a painted lip—
Another reputation
Not worth a rip.
A whispered word
Into the air—
One more soul
Now laid bare,
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Old Pal Visits Us

Col. Dick McCarty of Albany, and he is editor of the News in that town, in company with Capt. Brady called on the Messenger the other day, while the Albany scribe was enroute to Bowie and other points in Montague county. Dick, the captain and this editor served together in the army, back in the days when Uncle Sam and the Spaniards had a falling-out, and the purpose of this visit was to spin a few yarns of those days. Like this one: Several non-commissioned officers with Private McCarty along, bought a high class box at a Spanish opera one night. We hedeked ourselves in our best and brightest uniforms and after liberally patronizing the gilded bar, that operated immediately back of our box we entered and took our seats. In the box to our right were members of a high dignitary in the military and diplomatic service of Mexico, Spaniards of the truest type. In the family circle sat two of the most beautiful girls, the most winning we had seen since we enlisted to make Spanish the court language of hades; daughters of the high and mighty man in gold lace. After discovering that we did not understand a blooming word spoken by the performers, or catch even a drift of the plot, we decided to make the time pleasant and profitable by a little side-affair with the girls. The first wink drew smiles; two or three more produced "bats" from the big dreamy Castilian eyes. We were thrilled; we tingled and to properly celebrate the progress being made, we ordered refreshments from the nearby first-slacking caperium for our bunch in

Pity The Poor Editor

When a plumber makes a mistake, he charges twice for it.

When a lawyer makes a mistake, he has a chance to try the case all over again.

When a carpenter makes a mistake, it's just what he expected.

When a doctor makes a mistake, he buries it.

When a judge makes a mistake, it becomes the law of the land.

When a preacher makes a mistake, nobody knows it.

But when an editor makes a mistake—GOOD NIGHT!

Who's going to control congress does not matter so much just so some one controls it.—Florida Times-Union

the box. Zounds. Entered a Mexican in some sort of livery with a demand from the Spanish high-one with the beautiful daughters, that United States soldiers vacate the house immediately. And we vacated immediately; pronto!

Heckler

An eloquent politician was stantly being interrupted by a man in the crowd, who kept shouting "I After about the twentieth repetition the speaker pased and fixed his on the tormenter.

Then he said: "If the gentleman who persists in interrupting will good enough to tell us his name, instead of shouting out his professed I feel sure we will all be pleased make his acquaintance."

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SALMON	-	-	-	-	-	12c
SUGAR CORN	No. 2 Can	-	-	-	-	10c
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LOCAL NEWS

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Mrs. L. T. Harcrow and son visited Mrs. Harcrow's parents in Ryman, Oklahoma, last week.

Howard Counts of Grandfield, Okla., is visiting homefolks here this week.

Billie Rice, who is attending school in Olney, visited friends and relatives here last week-end.

Weldon Griggs and Basil Spain of Lawton, Oklahoma, were Decatur visitors last week.

M. W. Tarrant of Temple, Texas, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. V. M. Santy, here this week.

Miss Hanna Marie Renshaw of N. T. S. T. C. at Denton, spent last week-end with homefolks here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Colgan of Doniphan, Mo., have moved to Decatur where they will make their home.

Mrs. O. E. Fellars is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. F. Bryan, here this week.

Misses Maud Hogg and Ada Harding visited Mrs. Jack Cates in Denton last week-end.

Chickens, pies, cakes, everything for your Thanksgiving dinner at the Melton building next Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Workman and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Workman and son were Fort Worth visitors Sunday.

Miss Martha Elizabeth Renshaw visited relatives in Fort Worth last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hughes of Tucson, Arizona, are visiting homefolks here this week.

Miss Madama Burnett has been visiting friends in Shreveport, La., the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. John Orr and Mrs. J. H. McCarter visited Miss Geraldine Orr, who is attending N. T. S. T. C. at Denton last week-end.

Mrs. Hill was here from Denton Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Herdman and family of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Patton here Sunday.

Misses Rena Counts and Geraldine Green were Fort Worth visitors last Saturday.

Don't forget the box supper to be held at Liberty school house next Wednesday night, Nov. 26th.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the box supper and Thanksgiving program to be held at Liberty school house next Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stone and daughter, Miss Eloise, and Miss Irene Wilkerson were Fort Worth visitors Friday afternoon.

Miss Maxine Christian visited Misses Betty Lou Lillard and Clara Castleberry in Fort Worth last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Christian and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Boyd attended the T. C. U.-Texas football game in Fort Worth last Saturday.

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Misses Clarence and A. D. Reeves and Misses Willie and Faye Reeves were Fort Worth visitors last week-end.

Save bother for yourself and get your Thanksgiving dinner "ready-made" at the Melton building on the day before Thanksgiving.

That hustler, John Jenkins of the Decatur Hardware Co., constantly on the move, this week held a close-out sale in DeSota, where he purchased a stock of goods a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Murray and daughters, visited Mr. Counts, and attended the golden anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. NeSmith in Bridgeport last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Dunaway and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Badger and children, Charles D. Bradford and Ronald Maidens were in Clay county Sunday.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Girls 4-H clubs have been reorganized for work during 1931. Green wood girls reorganized with a more enthusiastic crowd than ever. We are very glad to have the Rusa Creek girls in the club with us. Catherine Sloan will lead this club as its president.

Boys Girls have something up their sleeves; thirty-one girls came on for membership in the club this year. Equipment in the home economics laboratory will help put the work over there in the coming year.

Blewett girls with an increased enrollment will again work under the leadership of Isabelle Teague as president.

Boonsville girls with almost every girl in school a member will show other clubs in the county a peppy race this year to determine the winner in the different contests. Opal Lawrence is president of this club.

Nickelville girls are stepping right into the work with everybody with materials on the day that our club meets there. Ruby Boykin is president.

Paradise and Joe Bailey clubs have not been reorganized yet but will be soon.

Two new clubs have been formed, one at Briar, with an enrollment of 14 with Leona McKinney as president, and one at Red Willow which has 11 enrolled. These clubs will meet on regular schedule twice each month.

Trade in your home town.

NEW SOUTH 4-H CLUB

The New South 4-H Club met at the home of Mrs. Glenn Cocconougher Wednesday November 12. The county demonstrator was present, besides fourteen others, two visitors and four new members. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Geo. Burkett, Wednesday, November 26.

Bargain nights at the Majestic every Wednesday and Thursday nights.

WALNUTS WANTED

The chamber of commerce is in receipt of a bid from a firm in Independence, Mo. offering to pay \$7.00 a thousand pounds for common native wild walnuts, hulled before shipping. F. O. B. Decatur. Further details will be given to any one interested.

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Old Pal Visits Us

Col. Dick McCarty of Albany, and he is editor of the News in that town, in company with Capt. Brady called on the Messenger the other day, while the Albany scribe was enroute to Bowie and other points in Montague county. Dick, the captain and this editor served together in the army, back in the days when Uncle Sam and the Spandards had a falling-out, and the purpose of this visit was to spin a few yarns of those days. Like this one: Several non-commissioned officers with Private McCarty along, bought a high class box at a Spanish opera one night. We bedecked ourselves in our best and brightest uniforms and after liberally patronizing the gilded bar, that operated immediately back of our box we entered and took our seats. In the box to our right were members of a high dignity in the military and diplomatic service of Mexico, Spaniards of the truest type. In the family circle sat two of the most beautiful girls, the most winning we had seen since we enlisted to make Spanish the court language of hades; daughters of the high and mighty man in gold lace. After discovering that we did not understand a blooming word spoken by the performers, or catch even a drift of the plot, we decided to make the time pleasant and profitable by a little side-affair with the girls. The first wink drew smiles; two or three more produced "bats" from the big dreamy Castilian eyes. We were thrilled; we tingled and to properly celebrate the progress being made, we ordered refreshments from the nearby thirst-slacking emporium for our bunch in

Pity The Poor Editor

When a plumber makes a mistake, he charges twice for it.
When a lawyer makes a mistake, he has a chance to try the case all over again.
When a carpenter makes a mistake it's just what he expected.
When a doctor makes a mistake, he buries it.
When a judge makes a mistake, it becomes the law of the land.
When a preacher makes a mistake, nobody knows it.
But when an editor makes a mistake—GOOD NIGHT!

Who's going to control congress does not matter so much just so someone controls it.—Florida Times-Union

the box. Zounds. Entered a Mexican in some sort of livery with a demand from the Spanish high-one with the beautiful daughters, that United States soldiers vacate the house immediately. And we vacated immediately: pronto!

Heckler

An eloquent politician was stantly being interrupted by a man in the crowd, who kept shouting "I. After about the twentieth repetition the speaker paused and fixed his eyes on the tormenter.
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SUGAR CORN	No. 2 Can	-	-	-	10c
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LOCAL NEWS

Arnold Davenport and J. V. Patterson attended the T. C. U.-Texas football game at Fort Worth Saturday.

Roy Workman attended the T. C. U. Texas football game at Fort Worth last Saturday.

Mrs. L. T. Harrow and son visited Mrs. Harrow's parents in Ryman, Oklahoma, last week.

Howard Counts of Grandfield, Okla., is visiting homefolks here this week.

Billie Rice, who is attending school in Olney, visited friends and relatives here last week-end.

Weldon Griggs and Basil Spain of Lawton, Oklahoma, were Decatur visitors last week.

M. W. Tarrant of Temple, Texas, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. V. M. Santy, here this week.

Miss Hanna Marie Renshaw of N. T. S. T. C., at Denton, spent last week-end with homefolks here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Colgan of Doniphan, Mo., have moved to Decatur where they will make their home.

Mrs. O. E. Fellars is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. F. Bryan, here this week.

Misses Mand Hogg and Ada Harding visited Mrs. Jack Cates in Denton last week-end.

Children, pies, cakes, everything for your Thanksgiving dinner at the Melton building next Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Workman and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Workman and son were Fort Worth visitors Sunday.

Miss Martha Elizabeth Renshaw visited relatives in Fort Worth last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hughes of Tucson, Arizona, are visiting homefolks here this week.

Miss Modena Burnett has been visiting friends in Shreveport, La., the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. John Orr and Mrs. J. H. McCarter visited Miss Geraldine Orr, who is attending N. T. S. T. C., at Denton last week-end.

Mrs. Hill was here from Denton Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Herdman and family of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Patton here Sunday.

Misses Rena Counts and Geraldine Green were Fort Worth visitors last Saturday.

Don't forget the box supper to be held at Liberty school house next Wednesday night, Nov. 26th.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the box supper and Thanksgiving program to be held at Liberty school house next Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stone and daughter, Miss Eloise, and Miss Irene Wilkerson were Fort Worth visitors Friday afternoon.

Miss Maxine Christian visited Misses Betty Lou Lillard and Clara Castleberry in Fort Worth last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Christian and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Boyd attended the T. C. U.-Texas football game in Fort Worth last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Baits and daughter, Miss Jo Beth, of Bridgeport, were Decatur visitors last Tuesday.

Misses Clarence and A. D. Reeves and Misses Willie and Faye Reeves were Fort Worth visitors last week-end.

Save bother for yourself and get your Thanksgiving dinner "ready-made" at the Melton building on the day before Thanksgiving.

That hustler, John Jenkins of the Decatur Hardware Co., constantly on the move, this week held a close-out sale in DeSota, where he purchased a stock of goods a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Murray and daughters, visited Mr. Counts, and attended the golden anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. NeSmith in Bridgeport last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Dunaway and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Badger and children, Charles D. Bradford and Ronald Maldeus were in Clay county Sunday.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Girls 4-H clubs have been reorganized for work during 1931. Green wood girls reorganized with a more enthusiastic crowd than ever. We are very glad to have the Rosa Creek girls in the club with us. Catherine Sloan will lead this club as its president.

Boys Girls have something up their sleeves; thirty-one girls came out for membership in the club this year. Equipment in the home economics laboratory will help put the work over there in the coming year.

Blewett girls with an increased enrollment will again work under the leadership of Isabelle Teague as president.

Boonsville girls with almost every girl in school a member will show other clubs in the county a peppy race this year to determine the winner in the different contests. Opal Lawrence is president of this club.

Nickelville girls are stepping right into the work with everybody who materials on the day that our club meets there. Ruby Boykin is president.

Paradise and Joe Bailey clubs have not been reorganized yet but will be soon.

Two new clubs have been formed, one at Briar, with an enrollment of 14 with Leona McKinney as president, and one at Red Willow which has 11 enrolled. These clubs will meet on regular schedule twice each month.

Trade in your home town.

NEW SOUTH 4-H CLUB

The New South 4-H Club met at the home of Mrs. Glenn Cocconougher Wednesday November 12. The county demonstrator was present, besides fourteen others, two visitors and four new members. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Geo. Burkett, Wednesday, November 26.

Bargain nights at the Majestic every Wednesday and Thursday night.

WALNUTS WANTED

The chamber of commerce is in receipt of a bid from a firm in Independence, Mo., offering to pay \$7.00 a thousand pounds for common native wild walnuts, hulled before shipping. F. O. B. Decatur. Further details will be given to any one interested.

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LOCAL NEWS

SINGING CONVENTION

The singing convention of the Decatur district will meet at Pleasant Grove fifth Sunday, Nov. 30, at 10:30 a. m. A varied and interesting program of songs will be rendered, and every one is urged to come, and bring books, special music and well-filled lunch baskets.

PLAY TO BE GIVEN

A play, "Sweethearts on View," will be presented by members of the G. G. G. Club at the college auditorium next Tuesday night, Nov. 25th under the direction of Miss Iola Mann. Your attendance is invited. Admission, fifteen and twenty-five cents.

T. O. G. CLUB B

Miss Mary B. Lobell entertained the T. O. G. Club at her home last Saturday afternoon at 4:30 p. m.

Plans for a turkey dinner, to be held next Saturday, were discussed. Pecan pie and hot chocolate were served to the following: Misses Gladys Thomason, Dana Tilghman, Hortense Potts, Betty Agnes Workman, Virginia Patterson and the hostess.

LADIES TO SELL DINNERS FOR THANKSGIVING

A number of ladies will sell chickens, cakes, pies, dressing, etc., in fact everything needed for a first class Thanksgiving dinner, in the Melton building, on Wednesday Nov. 26. The prices will be very reasonable and the proceeds will go for a worthy cause. Buy your Thanksgiving dinner "ready made" and give your wife a rest.

GOLDEN WEDDING OBSERVED

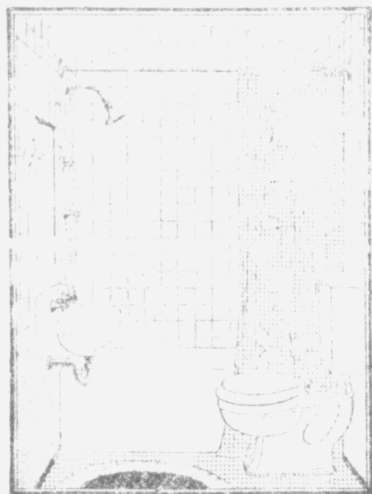
Last Sunday, November 16, there was held a celebration at their home of the Golden Wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. NeSmith of Bridgeport. All of the children and grandchildren and the only great-grandchild, as well as many other relatives and a host of friends, were present.

After a brief word of welcome by Rev. NeSmith, Rev. A. L. Gregg, pastor of the First Baptist church in Bridgeport, was made master of ceremonies. With a few well-chosen words, appropriate for the occasion, he paid compliments to the couple who have stood side by side for so many years.

Following this, a sumptuous feast was served to one hundred and fifty guests, with all enjoying themselves hugely. Mrs. R. L. NeSmith presided at the guest register, where more than two hundred persons registered during the day.

The afternoon was spent socially, a number of friends giving an old time sing-song.

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MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

The Methodist Missionary Society held the weekly prayer service last Thursday in the parlors of the church. Pastor Bowen met with the society and gave an interesting talk. Lunch was served at the noon hour.

The following officers of the society were elected for the ensuing year: president, Mrs. Dick Collins; vice-president, Mrs. W. W. Williams; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. B. Van Meter; recording secretary, Mrs. W. W. Brown; connectional treasurer, Mrs. R. Harper; local treasurer, Mrs. H. M. Buttrill; superintendent local work, Mrs. Alse Burton; superintendent children's work, Mrs. Patton; literature and publicity, Mrs. Thomason; social service, Mrs. J. H. Cates; supplies, Mrs. H. E. Lobdell; mission study, Mrs. Bryan; missionary voice, Mrs. J. E. Douglass; captains of circles, Mrs. Myers Brown, Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Emory Gose.

Clyde Latham, Misses Lois, Baby Ruth and Evelyn Pendle, and Zelma Rhine, of Bowie, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rosenberg Sunday.

All is but lip-wisdom which wants experience.—Sidney.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

EVERGREENS. Trees and Shrubbery are on display in the Malcolm building, one door west of Wooddale Cafe, and orders will be taken; prices as cheap as any nursery in this section; plants thrifty and for this climate; roses, etc.—ERWIN NURSERY, Denton, Texas.

FOR SALE—Post oak and Black Jack wood; mostly pole wood, for sale by B. F. FRASIER. 48

FOR SALE—Limited amount of good oak cord-wood and fence posts, cheap at my farm, located on the east side of Trinity river, on new highway between Boyd and Rhame.—CLAY HUNN. 45f

FOR RENT—Good 9 room concrete house with bath and all other conveniences. See TOM McCRACKEN.

FOR SALE—Good grade of corn oats, and hay for sale. See FRED MILLIGAN, Greenwood, Texas.

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FOR RENT—Five room house; bath and breakfast rooms. See JACK J. RIEGER or Mrs. Ruby Cathcart at Mrs. S. M. Bennett's home. 1t

FOR LEASE—Dairy farm, 186 acres, good improvements, having water; 4 and a half miles southeast of Decatur.—EDD YOUNG, Ponder, Tex. 49

FOR SALE—Dining room suite, consisting of table, buffet and 6 chairs. See J. J. RIEGER. 47-4f

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Men's blue work shirts—2 bellows pockets, coat style. Regular 75c value. Extra special—2 for—

\$1.00

BOOTEES

Men's Red Wing black bootees—16 inch top—soft double cap. Composition sole. A regular \$5.95 value. Special—

\$4.95

HILOH NEWS

Mrs. Clayton Stroud visited her parents Sunday. It was clean-up day at the house, with a good attendance and the spirit of co-operation. Mr. and Mrs. George and family visited the home of W. J. Vaughn and family Sunday.

LIBERTY POINT

Everyone in this community is well at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. Markum and family spent Saturday night and Sunday in the W. J. Lee home. Mr. and Mrs. Rich and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Perkins. Mr. McEntire, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Perkins, Mr. Bert Perkins and daughter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reagan. Mr. Turner McEntire, Mr. Elmo McEntire spent Saturday night in Fort Worth. Mr. Vernie Perkins, Mr. Elmo McEntire took two loads of turkeys to Fort Worth Thursday.

RUSH CREEK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. John Vick were visiting relatives in Fort Worth Monday. Mr. Minnie Wright and his sister, Mrs. Johnnie Kelly, attended the basketball game at Greenwood Friday. Mr. and Mrs. George Burchard, Mr. Carl Burchard and Mr. Lee Cadell visited Mr. Tom Sellers at Brundlow this week. Mr. W. Baten was in Fort Worth Monday on business. Mr. D. A. Griffith was in Forestburg and Montague on business last Sunday. Mr. Grady Wright was in Slidell Saturday on business. Many people from the community are attending the revival meeting being conducted at Hillwoods, by Rev. Thomas of New Castle. Mr. Joe Brown of Prairie Point visited in this community Sunday.

JONESTOWN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bowden and daughter, Leona, and sons, Earl and Carl, left Tuesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bowden in the Rio Grande valley. Mr. John Henry Bowden, Mrs. Patie Rawles, of Harrold, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Buck Bowden of the Lone Star community, visited in the Henry Bowden home Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cassidy and baby from Brundlow, spent Sunday with Mrs. Cassidy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Watts, and family. Mrs. Bertha McBride spent Tuesday evening with Misses Gertrude and Velma Bowden. Mr. and Mrs. Dee Webb moved into the Preskitt community last week. Messrs. Oliver and Roscoe and Misses Gertrude and Velma Bowden spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Elbert Neighbors, in the Valley View community.

Paradise School News

Last Friday night the Paradise Panthers displayed some real basketball ability when they defeated Slidell, 32-14. During the third quarter several substitutes were used, and they appeared to score as readily as the first team. Saturday night the Panthers looked like the county championship team of last year, as they made their famed last quarter rally to come from behind and defeat the Greenwood Bulldogs, 17-9. The outlook for winning another championship is now very bright. It is true that the Panthers have lost two games to Rhome, but since they played Rhome two new forwards have been developed in Mutt Harris and Red Wallace. With a continuation of the fighting spirit and hard work, there should be a good chance for the Panthers to win again this year. The volleyball girls defeated the Bridgeport team Thursday afternoon, 2-1. The exceptional playing of Maudema Matizner and Rebe Coffman was outstanding.

LONE MOUND NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wiley visited in the Red Door community Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hobdy of Alvord, visited Mrs. Spencer one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Claborn and children of the Red Door community, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Claborn. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hornbeck spent one night last week with Mr. and Mrs. McNeeley of the Bryer community. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stone of the Audubon community, visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wiley one day last week. Mr. Ophelia McNeeley spent Sunday in the home of Mr. Nikirk of the Elm community. Mr. W. E. Hodges and Mrs. Dess Hornbeck spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Farrington.

ROE NEWS

J. B. Perkins and Elton Sanders went to Alvord Saturday on business. Elmo and Turner McEntire were in Fort Worth Saturday. Mrs. W. W. Perkins, Mr. J. B. Perkins, Elizabeth Perkins and Mrs. D. T. McEntire visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reagan Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rich and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Perkins. Mr. Champ Lee visited our school Monday afternoon. Elmo and D. T. McEntire, Jr. and Jewel Sanders spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Firmin of Fort Worth. Several from this community attended a party near Joe Bailey last Saturday night. Visitors are always welcome at the Roe school. Mr. Vernie Perkins spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Perkins of Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. George of the Valley View community, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn. Mr. O. H. Vaughn, Jr. and Mr. Milton New visited in Fort Worth last Sunday.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Baptists throughout the state were thrilled by the victorious spirit and triumphant achievements of the recent state convention of Baptists at and the long distance to Amarillo the attendance this year went beyond that of last year and the contributions of the churches to the co-operative program of the denomination surpassed those of last year by several thousand dollars. Debts were reduced \$167,000, and missionary operations were enlarged. The friends of Decatur College will be happy to know that the convention appropriated ten thousand dollars to the college for this year. The college debt has been reduced to less than \$500 and the convention appropriation will enable it to make some needed improvements on its buildings, and thus make a very much stronger appeal for patronage. It is a high tribute to Decatur College that in the face of recent appeals from a number of other schools, Decatur College is the only one to which any appropriation was made. This special favor was shown Decatur College in recognition of its wise management and in appreciation of the generous loyalty of the First Baptist church of Decatur.

forty churches in the state surpassed Decatur in the amount contributed last year to the co-operative program of the denomination. A Royal Ambassador Band was organized last Sunday afternoon. The Sun Beam Band meets each Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Pastor R. E. Bell will preach next Sunday morning on "Democracy and Christian Culture." The B. Y. P. U.'s will meet at 6:30 and the evening preaching service will begin at 7:30. R. E. BELL, Pastor.

LITTLE HONOR ROLL

The little pupils who have not been absent or late the past month in Mrs. Effie Miller's kindergarten school are as follows: James Allen Parr, Naoma Ruth Cartwright, Grover Cleveland Jr., Mable Waleck, Ralph Hangeron, Eugene Wilkerson and Robert Miller. Most of these above pupils have attained the honor of being gold star health students in our "Better Health and Quick Thinker" contest.

COUNTY'S DAM WORK IS MOVING

John A. Norris, chairman of the state board of water engineers, was inspecting Tuesday work on the spillway for the Bridgeport Lake dam in Wise county. The state official came to Fort Worth Monday for inspection of the two dams being built by the Tarrant County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1. Norris Monday viewed the work at the Eagle Mountain project in Tarrant county. He was accompanied on the trip by Maj. Jon B. Hawley, engineer in charge of the water district and A. H. Woolverton, assistant to Hawley. The state engineer said Monday that the two reservoirs, in addition to forming the largest storage project in Texas, are the only reservoirs in the state that answer the combined purpose of flood control, irrigation, conservation and possibly hydro-electric power, and navigation. He added that navigation of the Trinity river can be made possible only through the storing up of water such is undertaken in the \$6,500,000 dam construction program. By operation of the three lakes above Fort

Worth, the stream will have more of an even flow with the flood waters released gradually after heavy rains, he explained. Norris said the Tarrant county project is unique in that the district is doing something for the whole Trinity river valley below. At the Eagle Mountain project, a second hydraulic dredge is being assembled and will be in operation within a few weeks, it was announced at a meeting of the directors of the water district Monday afternoon. The pouring of concrete for the spillway of the Eagle Mountain dam will start today.—Star-Telegram.

Now that the election is over, folks are going to miss the political speeches over the radio and the kick they got from tuning out. Dayton Daily News.

The first real touch of winter will not be felt by father until a week or two before Christmas.—The Louisville Times.

Wooling prosperity with slogans is like trying to woo a modern girl with poetry.—Los Angeles Evening Express.

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Cuba went to the polls last week, the main issue being how many of them would get back.—Indianapolis Star.

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Schools of County

A WEEKLY COMPILATION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE SCHOOLS OF WISE COUNTY
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Spelling Director Announces Changes in League Rules

There has been a radical change in the rules for the spelling contest in the University Interscholastic League this year, according to Mrs. S. B. Powell, who was elected director of spelling in this county at the recent teachers' institute.

"Formerly," said Mrs. Powell, "the contest has been based solely upon the spelling lists issued by the League bureau, division of extension. This year, however, the contest is based not only on this list but on words in the state adopted spelling book. Preparation of students for the contest, therefore, will involve a mastery of words in both sources, the League lists and the state adopted text."

"Teachers are also cautioned that the contest involves plain writing as well as spelling. Often a good speller is a poor writer and it is necessary to coach such contestants in plain writing. Every letter in a spelling paper must be clearly legible."

"No more valuable training, in my opinion, can be given our pupils than that involved in adequate preparation for this contest. The words prescribed are all words in common use and words therefore for which the student has constant use. Moreover, the ability to write a clear, legible hand is an accomplishment which many graduates of our schools fail to acquire; yet in business and the professions and even in the trades such an ability is of the utmost importance."

"The constitution and rules of the League is now available, and teachers in member-schools may secure a copy by addressing the League Bureau, Austin, Texas."

Roe Publishes School Paper

The first issue of The Summit was published this week by the teachers and students of the Roe school. The Summit is a four page paper giving news of the school and community and carrying articles written by the teachers and students. It was initiated last year by Ford Mauldin, and proved so successful that the present teachers, Mr. Stanley Robertson and Mrs. Mary Robinett, decided to continue the publication this year. A number of Wise county schools are now publishing school papers and are proving their worth to the schools and communities. The papers now being published are: The Shiloh Scream, The Greenwood Grit, The Bulldog's Tale by the Alvord school, The Yellowjacket by the Boyd school, and The Summit by the Roe school. Crafton contemplates issuing a school paper and other schools will likely do so during the year.

County Superintendent Observing Health Programs of Schools

The county superintendent began this week a schedule of visits to all the schools in the county for the purpose of observing the health and physical education programs. This tour of the county is designed as a follow-up campaign of the work initiated by Miss Harris at the institute. If road and weather conditions will permit it is expected that every school in the county will be visited before Christmas. Teachers are requested to give explanations and demonstrations of the work being done in health, physical education, citizenship and character training. An attempt will be made to give all teachers in the county the benefit of the good work being done in the various schools. Teachers may look in this column for reports on the programs observed.

Rural Regions Repopulated Around Alvord

"It just beats anything I ever saw," asserted J. F. Furlow when discussing the school situation at Alvord, one day last week. "Why, every house in the consolidated districts around Alvord is being occupied. People are moving in from Wichita Falls, Burk Burnett, Electra and other places. They have heard of our big melon crop the past year and of our tomato growing and are anxious to get away from the cities and on the farm. But they would not have the places if it were not for the school that is made available to their children by reason of our consolidations and the free transportation. Every one of our school buses is crowded. The White Hill bus and the Lone Mound bus each bring in 12 students. The Elva bus is now transporting 40 pupils. The Audubon bus is crowded with 52 and our Howard Foster bus brings in 52. This makes a total of 228 children that are being given free transportation to and from school at Alvord."

"I had an interesting experience of my own in connection with these school buses. I have two little places up in the White Hill community and I ran an advertisement in a Wichita paper offering these places for lease. I have simply been over-run with applications. I have had at least 50 different people wanting these farms. A lady came to see me this morning, and when I told her my places had been rented already, she insisted that I help her find a

place around Alvord."

Paradise School to Try for State Classification

Superintendent J. S. Clendenin of the Paradise school, and his teachers are studying the possibilities of getting state classification as a preparatory step to securing affiliation. They are making a survey of their local situation to see what needs to be done to meet the requirements. In discussing the matter one day last week Mr. Clendenin said: "Three faculty and the patrons of the Paradise school are very anxious to build up a first class high school and we feel that we should make a start. We may not be able to get classification this first year but we can at least make the effort and I feel that this will be worth much to us since we will learn exactly what we have to do. At present it looks as if we will be able to run for nine months and this is one of the fundamental requirements for classification. We have no laboratory and I am sure our library will need considerable additional books. All of our teachers have the required class of certificates and we are trying to make our class periods and the number of classes per teacher meet the requirements."

Miss Smith of Boyd Issues Statement

A number of changes have been made in the rules governing the extemporaneous speech contest of the University Interscholastic League, according to Miss Marion Smith of Boyd who has been elected director of the event in this county.

"In the first place, two divisions have been created, one for boys and one for girls. This doubles the representation which any school may send to the county meet and it is hoped that many schools of the county will take advantage of this opportunity to send both a boy and a girl to the contest for county honors."

"Another change is made in the sources of topics for the contest. Last year four national magazines were designated, in addition to the daily papers. This year only three magazines are designated, and by the club rate offered through the League these may be obtained at a trifling expense."

"Valuable training is offered in this contest for pupils who wish to acquire facility in public speaking. Schools are urged to begin preparation for this contest at once as the longer the period of preparation, the more the chance of success and the more educational value is secured, and the larger the number of pupils who will be benefitted."

Balsora and Boonsville Observe Armistice

Led by Mr. J. M. Carson of Boonsville, the teachers and pupils of the Boonsville and Balsora schools joined in observing Armistice Day in fitting exercises at Boonsville. A visit was paid to the grave of a world war veteran where floral offerings were used to pay tribute to the heroic dead. Miss Edna Crawford, assistant teacher in the Balsora school, reports the services as being impressive and highly significant to her pupils.

New System of Lesson Assignments Being Used at Decatur

The Decatur high school is this year using a new system of lesson assignments. Each teacher makes out lesson plans and lesson assignments in outline form. Content C covers

the minimum essentials and is the work done in class based on text. Each pupil is compelled to complete contract C before attempting additional matter. A grade of C is given for satisfactory completion of contract C. If the pupil is able to finish contract C before the allotted time is up he may undertake contract B, involving further study on the same phase of the subject. In the same way he may undertake contract A and earn the highest grade given. Contracts B and A carry such assignments as extensive outside readings, projects, additional exercises and practical problems. Superintendent L. E. Gill of the Decatur high school believes this system will encourage more thorough work on the part of the students since their efforts will be concentrated to the completion of the minimum essentials first, and since contract C must be done to the satisfaction of the teacher before contract B can be taken up. Mr. Gill also thinks this thoroughness of work will lessen the failures. Under the usual system of lesson assignments, the students are given so much work that their efforts are spread over too large a field. This makes for poor learning and consequent low grades. Another big advantage of the contract system lies in its adaptability to the needs of the students. The student who completes his contract C before the allotted time is not left in idleness. A further goal is set for his achievement. If he does his contract B and still has some time left, he may strive for a grade of A by attempting contract A.

Teachers Visiting Among Schools

A most commendable practice is gaining favor among the teachers of Wise county. This practice is that of visiting other schools and observing the work of their fellow teachers. Such visitation is stimulating to both the observer and the observed. Last week Mrs. E. W. Carson and Mrs. Anna V. Stone of the Blewett school spent one day observing the history,

English and home economics classes in the Decatur high school. Some time ago Mr. Ford Mauldin of the Crafton school paid visits to the schools at Red Willow, Alvord and Roe. Superintendent C. C. Lovelace of the Newark school expects to spend one or more days in the near future visiting the schools of the county.

Scores of Last Week's School Games

The Joe Bailey volleyball ball girls defeated Blewett two best out of three games at Blewett on November 14th. Miss Eva Jo Greer coaches the Joe Bailey girls while Miss Pearl Reed is coach of the Blewett team.

Blewett's basket ball team of senior boys took a game from the Joe Bailey boys last Friday by the decisive score of 19 to 4.

The undefeated girls volleyball team from Newark won three games out of five with the Paradise team on November 12th.

The Shiloh Greyhounds and the Paradise Panthers met in the armory at Decatur on last Friday night for

a basket ball game in which Paradise came out winner by a score of 28 to 14.

On Saturday night of last week the armory was again the scene of a hard fought battle for basket ball honors. This time Paradise and Greenwood met for a deciding third game. Greenwood led for three quarters, but

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